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Pack Your Wagon at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

BAKER CITY, ORE. - On Friday, Feb. 17, the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive will reopen "Pack Your Wagon", the popular interactive exhibit for kids of all ages.

Measure your pace and calculate how many steps you would take along the Oregon Trail. Decide what to keep and what to leave behind with a full-scale, packable pioneer wagon. Try on pioneer-style clothing and pose for a photo. A puppet theater, magnetic maps, a poetry board, and wildlife tracks activities are also featured. Kids will use math, science, and arts in activities related to the Oregon Trail.

The Pack Your Wagon exhibit is installed annually during spring months to be available for school visits; this year through May 28. The exhibit is funded by Oregon Humanities Commission, Trail Tenders, Inc., and income from recreation fees.

Upcoming workshops for kids are scheduled throughout spring and summer. For specific dates and descriptions, check our website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/>. Please call 541-523-1843 for more information and to schedule group visits.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located 5 miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$5.00; seniors \$3.50; children 15 and under are free. Federal passes are accepted. Visit oregontrail.blm.gov for more information about the Center, or call 541-523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For information on other events in Baker County, Oregon, call 1-800-523-1235.

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